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CAPTAIN Maitland, of the 63d Regiment, arrived this Afternoon with a Diſpatch from Major General Cuyler to Mr. Dundas, of which the following is a Copy.

Head Quarters, Tobago, April 18, 1793.

SIR,

IN my Letter of the 4th Inſtant, I had the Honor to acquaint you, that I then only waited for the Arrival of Vice-Admiral Sir John Laforey to carry into Execution the Contents of your Letter of the 10th of February laſt.

Having previouſly ordered to be embarked the neceſſary Artillery, Stores, Proviſions and Camp Equipage, on Board of ſome faſt-ſailing Schooners hired for the Purpoſe, I acquainted the Admiral, upon his Arrival at Barbadoes on the 10th Inſtant at Noon, that we were ready to proceed.

His Majeſty's Ships the Truſty of Fifty Guns and Nautilus of Eighteen, being equally ſo, the Embarkation of the Detachment of Royal Artillery, and of Nine Companies of the 4th Battalion of the 60th Regiment, took Place on the 11th Inſtant. Theſe, with the Two Flank Companies of the 9th Regiment, under the Command of Major Baillie, which were brought from St. Kitt's by the Admiral's Ship, compoſed the Whole of the Force for the Expedition, a Return of which I have the Honor herewith to incloſe to you. The Truſty, Nautilus and Hind Schooners being inſufficient for the Reception of the Troops, I accepted of the voluntary Offer of Captain Spencer, of the Merchant Ship Hero, to convey a Part of the 4th Battalion of the 60th Regiment.

The 12th of April we ſailed: The 14th Inſtant, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, we arrived in Great Courland Bay.

The neceſſary Orders having been given for the Diſembarkation and Diſpoſition of the Troops on Landing, the Whole was on Shore by Three, together with Twenty-five Marines from the Truſty, commanded by Major Bright, which the Admiral moſt readily granted upon my Application.

We immediately advanced within Sight of the Enemy's Fort, whence I ſent a Summons to Monſieur Monteil, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 32d Regiment, and Commandant of the Iſland, to ſurrender. He refuſed.

The Situation of the Enemy's Work, which they had lately been ſtrengthening to the utmoſt of their Power, was evidently much ſtronger than I had been taught to believe, and every Day increaſed this Strength. Our Numbers were unequal to the Operations of a Siege. Seeing there was no Time to be loſt, I determined to aſſault the Poſt that Night.

The Troops lay upon their Arms at the Place where we had halted until One o'Clock, at which time we formed, and marched at half paſt One, leaving the Artillery, under the Care of Lieutenant Hope and the Detachment. We had more than Two Miles to proceed.

The Men were poſitively forbidden to fire, but to truſt entirely to the Bayonet; the Smallneſs of our Number not juſtifying a Diverſion to favour the general Attack, which was determined to be on the North-Weſt Side, where I had Reaſon to believe the Work was moſt imperfect.

We reached the Town of Scarborough undiſcovered, but here we were fired upon from a Houſe by ſome of the French Inhabitants, which gave the Garriſon

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Garriſon the Alarm; however no Return of Fire or Delay was made.

In conſequence of a Negro, who ſerved as a Guide to the Grenadiers, running away, a Part of the Column ſeparated in mounting the Hill; this occaſioned a Delay and Separation that could not be rectified during the Night, which was extremely dark. Separated however as they were, the Troops approached the Fort; the Light Infantry and a Part of the Grenadiers on that Side where the Fort was moſt defenceleſs, and where the Whole were to have made their Effort.

The other Part of the Troops having taken the Road which led directly to the Barrier, and the Enemy's Fire commencing on the Flank Companies, the former advanced to atatck the Barrier under a heavy Fire of Round and Grape Shot and Muſquetry, which drew the Attention of the Enemy to this Part of the Work; and the Flank Companies at that Moment puſhing forward, very gallantly entered the Work, upon which the Enemy ſurrendered, and the Humanity of the Britiſh Troops accepted of them as Priſoners of War.

Great Praiſe is due to the Officers and Men for their Behaviour, and particularly to Major Baillie and Major Gordon, the latter of whom left the Command of his Battalion, and ſolicited to lead the Two Light Companies.

I cannot ſufficiently expreſs the Obligations I am under to Vice-Admiral Sir John Laforey for his ready and zealous Exertions and Aſſiſtance to us in every Step of the Buſineſs. I am alſo greatly indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, of the 15th Regiment, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd, of the Royal Artillery. I had ſent for the former from Dominica, as being an Officer of known Abilities, and had choſen him as a proper Perſon to be at the Head of the Quarter-Maſter General's Department in this Country, to which I have appointed him Deputy, until His Majeſty's Pleaſure be known.

Incloſed I have the Honour to ſend you a Return of the Killed and Wounded, and of the Priſoners taken in the Fort, alſo of the Enemy's Artillery and Stores.

This Diſpatch will be delivered to you by Captain Maitland, of the 60th Regiment, Acting Deputy Adjutant-General, who has been with me theſe Five Years, and is well qualified to give you much Information relative to this Country. With the greateſt Reſpect, I have the Honour to be,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient

and moſt humble Servant,

C. CUYLER.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas, &c.

Diſembarkation Return of His Majeſty's Troops under the Command of Major-General Cornelius Cuyler, Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces in the Windward and Leeward Charibbee Iſlands, the 14th of April, 1793, at Great Courland Bay in the Iſland of Tobago.

STAFF.

His Excellency Major-General Cuyler.

Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, 15th Regiment, Deputy Quarter-Maſter General.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd, Royal Artillery, attached to the Commander in Chief.

Captain Maitland, 60th Regiment, Deputy Adjutant-General.

Captain Paumier, 15th Regiment, Aide de Camp to the Commander in Chief.

Captain Gottſched, 60th Regiment, Major of Brigade.

Captain Fiddes, Royal Engineer.

Patrick Lindſay, Inſpector-General of Hoſpitals.

——— Straghan, Mate of General Hoſpital.

Royal Artillery. 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 2 Firſt Lieutenants, 3 Serjeants, 1 Corporal, 5 Bombardiers, 36 Gunners, 2 Drummers.

9th Regiment, Flank Company. 1 Major, 4 Lieutenants, 4 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 85 Rank and File.

4th Battalion, 60th Regiment. 1 Major, 2 Captains, 6 Lieutenants, 4 Enſigns, 15 Serjeants, 11 Drummers, 282 Rank and File.

Marines. 1 Major, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 27 Rank and File.

N. B. Lieutenant Walker, of the 60th Regiment, was left at Great Courland Bay, with 25 Men, as a Baggage Guard.

A Corporal and 10 Men, left to take Care of the Knapſacks and Blankets at Morne Grace.

The Royal Artillery remained, with 2 Braſs Six-Pounders and 2 Howitzers, at the Ground where the Troops halted in the Evening, and were not in Action.

Fk. Maitland, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Tobago, April 14, 1793.

BEING ordered by his Excellency General Cuyler to proceed with a Flag of Truce to the Fort, to ſummons the Commandant of the French Troops to ſurrender to the Britiſh Forces, I left the General at a Quarter paſt Four, at the Diſtance of Three Miles from the Fort, where I arrived at Half paſt Five, and being blindfolded at the firſt Barres, was conducted to the Commandant, to whom I delivered the following Summons.

The Commander in Chief of His Britannick Majeſty's Forces deſired me to acquaint the Commanding Officer of the French Troops of his having landed on the Iſland with a conſiderable Force, and is to be ſupported by a powerful Fleet at an Anchor in ſome Part of the Iſland. He ſummons you to ſurrender Priſoners of War, with all the Troops under your Order. The Officers will be allowed their Parole. Their Baggage ſhall be ſafe, and they will be exchanged as ſoon as a Cartel is ſettled between the Two Nations. The Britiſh General reſerves to himſelf the Power of exchanging the Officers either in this Country or in Europe.

The Commandant's Anſwer.

I am obliged to the Britiſh General for his Information and Kindneſs, and ſhould betray the Truſt repoſed in me to ſurrender without having tried the Strength of the Enemy. I have between Four and Five Hundred Men to depend on, and will not ſurrender until compelled to do ſo by a ſuperior Force within this Fort.

Fred. Gottſched, Major of Brigade.

Return of the Killed and Wounded at the Attack of Fort Caſtries, in Tobago, the 15th of April, 1793.

60th Regiment, Grenadier Company of the 4th Battalion, 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Drummer, 5 Rank and File, wounded.

Ditto,

Ditto, 4th Battalion. 2 Rank and File killed; 8 Rank and File wounded.

Ditto, Light Company. 1 Lieutenant, 4 Rank and File, wounded.

9th Regiment, Light Company. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Drummer, 3 Rank and File, wounded.

Names of the Officers wounded.

Lieutenant Stopford, of the 9th Regiment Grenadiers.

Lieutenant Gayer, of the 67th Regiment, but doing Duty with the Light Company of the 4th Battalion of the 60th Regiment.

Fk. Maitland, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Return of French Prisoners taken in Fort Castries the 15th of April, 1793, by His Britannick Majesty's Troops under the Command of Major-General Cuyler, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

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M. A. Roque Montel, First Lieutenant-Colonel of the 31st Regiment, and Military Commandant of Tobago.
1 Captain of Engineers.
1 Sais Lieutenant de Port.
1 Commissary of the Colony.
1 Interpreter of the English Language.
1 Storekeeper of the Artillery.
1 Treasurer.
1 Commissary of Armt.
1 Physician to the Hospital.
1 Surgeon to ditto.
1 Commissary of Provisions.
1 Ordomateur.
5 Municipal Officers.

Artillery. 1 Captain, 10 Gunners.

31st Regiment. 1 Captain, 2 First Lieutenants, 2 Second Lieutenants, 5 Serjeants, 58 Rank and File.

Sailors, about 100; and it appears very evidently there must have been full that Number of Inhabitants armed, called National Guard, and a Number of Mulattoes and Negroes, who escaped in the Dark when the Fort was stormed; many of whom have since been taken, and others are surrendering themselves daily.

The French had 15 killed and wounded.

Fk. Maitland, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Tobago, Fort King George, April 20, 1793.

Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, found on a Survey at this Place.

	S.	R.	U.	Total.
Iron Ordnance.				
18 Pounder	19	—	—	19
9 Ditto	9	—	—	9
6 Ditto	18	—	2	20
4 Ditto	2	—	—	2
Swivels	—	—	11	11
Brass Ordnance.				
6 Pounder	2	—	—	2
10 Inch Mortar, with Brass Bed	1	—	—	1
9½ Inch ditto	2	—	—	2
Royal Howitzer	1	—	—	1
Carriages on Batteries.				
18 Pounder	11	2	1	14
9 Ditto	5	—	2	7
6 Ditto	5	—	—	5
9½ Inch Mortar Bed	1	—	—	1
Carriages dismounted.				
18 Pounder	34	—	—	34
9 Ditto	6	—	—	6
6 Ditto	2	—	—	2
9½ Inch Mortar Bed	1	—	—	1
Iron Trucks for Standing Carriages	209	—	—	209
Sling Cast	1	—	—	1
Spare Wheels for Travelling Carriages, Pairs	3	—	—	3
Tin Case Shot.				
18 Pounder	890	—	—	890
9 Ditto	151	—	—	151
6 Ditto	360	—	—	360
4 Ditto	31	—	—	31
5½ Inch Howitzer	60	—	—	60
Round Shot.				
18 Pounder	3880	—	—	3880
9 Ditto	869	—	—	869
6 Ditto	1966	—	—	1966
1 Ditto	210	—	—	210
Round Shot fixed to Wood Bottoms, 4 Pounder	113	—	—	113
Grape Shot, 6 Pounder	150	—	—	150
Tin Case Shot fixed to Wood Bottoms, 1½ Pounder	63	—	—	63
Ditto, 1 Ditto	24	—	—	24
Case Shot fixed to Powder, 2 Pounders	—	—	20	20
Round Shot fixed to Powder, 6 Pounder	20	—	—	20
Ditto, 2 Pounder	200	—	—	200
Empty Shells, 10 Inches	440	—	—	440
Copper Powder Measures, 24 lb.	2	—	—	2
Ditto, 18 lb.	8	—	—	8
Ditto, 12 oz.	2	—	—	2
Ditto, 8 oz.	2	—	—	2
Ditto, 6 oz.	2	—	—	2
Ditto, 2 oz.	2	—	—	2
Shot Gauges, 32 Pounder	1	—	—	1
Ditto, 9 Pounder	1	—	—	1
Ditto, 8 Pounder	1	—	—	1
Ditto, 4 Pounder	1	—	—	1
Ladles, 18 Pounder	19	—	—	19
Ditto, 9 Pounder	7	—	—	7
Ditto, 6 Pounder	19	—	—	19
Ditto, 4 Pounder	2	—	—	2
Wadhooks, 18 Pounder	21	—	—	21
Ditto, 9 Pounder	11	—	—	11
Ditto, 6 Pounder	5	—	—	5
Ditto, 4 Pounder	—	—	—	—
Spunges, 18 Pounder	32	—	—	32
Ditto, 9 Pounder	11	—	—	11
Ditto, 6 Pounder	9	—	—	9
Ditto, 4 Pounder	—	—	—	—
Powder, Whole Barrels	134	—	4	138
Cartridges filled with Powder, Paper, 18 Pounder	137	—	—	137
Ditto, 9 Pounder	19	—	—	19
Ditto, Flannel, 9 Pounder	17	—	—	17
Ball Cartridges, Musket	97375	—	2000	99375

Copper